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REMARKS

Claims 6 through 8 and 51 through 84 are in the case. Claims 6 through 8 are amended by this amendment. Claims 2 through 4, 14 through 19, 23, 26 through 39 and 41 through 50 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 51 through 84 are added by this amendment.

Applicant is canceling all claims against which the Examiner cited prior art under either §102 or §103. The remaining amended claims, claims 6, 7 and 8, were only rejected under §112, first paragraph. The two new independent claims, claims 51 and 55 are substantially identical to claim 8. To correct the §112 rejection against claim 8, it was necessary to divide claim 8 into 3 independent claims. All other claims are dependent claims.

Claims 6, 7, 8, 51 and 55 are the only independent claims in the case. Claims 52 through 54 depend from claim 51. Claims 56 through 58 depend from claim 55. Claims 59 through 66 depend from claim 6. Claims 67 through 74 depend from claim 7. Claims 75 through 84 depend from claim 8.

Attached is a clean version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Clean Version Incorporating Changes Made"

Claims 6, 7 and 8 are only rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way so as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The Examiner stated that the original specification does not appear to have specifically presented the variously recited differing genus groupings present within each of claims 6, 7 and 8.

No prior art was cited by the Examiner against claims 6, 7 and 8.

Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to remove the language "said front side having a front surface profile selected from the group consisting of front surface profiles of crown molding, cove molding, chair rail molding, and base molding."

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In the first Office Action dated May 22, 2001, the Examiner indicated that claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Applicant is returning claims 6 and 7 substantially to that allowable form.

Claim 8 has been amended to "said front side having a front surface profile selected from the group consisting of front surface profiles of crown molding and cove molding." Support for this specific genus grouping can be found in the specification on page 5, lines 3-4, "Various front surface profiles for crown and cove moldings can be used...".

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6, 7, 8 and 51 through 84 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested and allowance of the claims is solicited.

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